

Sampling location at Sulzer

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I talked with the DEQ Project Manager (PM) about the two basins in question at Sulzer. As I understand it, Outfall B (WR-4) is the one we

wanted but Outfall C (WR-3) was the one that was sampled.

Outfall C (WR-3) is occupied by a different company (Dolan) that

conducts warehousing and shipping/trucking operations at the site.

Areas that are not covered by warehouses include paved and unpaved

parking areas. Seems like data we have from this site would be more

indicative of a LI land use.

Outfall B (WR-4) is the Sulzer operation.

Apparently, outfall

inundation and cooling water discharges are complicating factors at this

outfall. DEQ doesn't have any info on inundation. As for the cooling

water, based upon a review of the stormwater permit file, we believe

that the cooling water discharge includes cooling waters from the

transformers as well as cooling water from the testing pump. We don't

have any info on the transformer discharge; that info isn't currently

needed for DEQ's source control investigation. The testing pump

discharge would be sporadic, only occuring when they are running their

test pumps. The PM thinks they have scaled back their production lately

so this discharge would likely be infrequent at best.

I assume that a recon visit will be needed to see if it will be possible

to sample this basin. The PM suggested we make contact with the

facilities operator or other "old timers" at the site to get the info we

need. He also thought the BES stormwater inspector could be a good

person to have in attendance since they may have a fair bit of site

knowledge. The PM deals mostly with "corporate" and has essentially no $\,$

involvement with the folks actually running the operations.

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Do we need to check-in as a group to make a decision about how to proceed at this site? Or perhaps we should go ahead and initiate a recon visit so we have all the info we'll need to make a decision?

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